डाक व दूरसंचार मंडलों में राजभाषा संबंधी दायित्वों को पूरा करने हेतु पदों का सृजन

1717. श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) डाक व दूरसंचार मंडलों में मंडलों के विस्तार और राजभाषा संबंधी दायित्वों को मद्देनजर रखते हुए सरकार की राजभाषा नीति के कार्यान्वयन के लिये अब तक कितने पदों का सृजन किया गया है ;

(ख) क्या ये पद सरकार द्वारा निर्धारित मानदंडों के अनुसार हैं; और

(ग) यदि नहीं, तो इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनेश्वर मिश्र) : (क) से (ग) जानकारी एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

Setting up of Regional Offices under the Administrative Control of General Managers

1718. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of new regional offices have been set up during the last three years under the administrative control of General Managers under the Ministry of Communications;

(b) whether any provisions were also made for creation of posts for implementing official language policy at the time of creating other posts, as per Government orders; if so, what is the number of posts including the levels of such posts, which have been created so far from the date of setting up of these offices; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) Yes, Sir. Six new offices were opened during the last three years under the Administrative control of General Managers in the Department of Telecom.

(b) and (c) Each of the newly created offices had a staff strength of less than 25, as such no posts for the purpose could be created in any of them.

Indian Doctors to Sri Lanka

1719. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to send Indian doctors to Sri Lanka to help that Government to meet the acute shortage of specialists in that country; and

(b) if so, what are the terms and conditions under which those doctors would be sent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH): (a) and (b) The Sri Lankan request for doctors and specialists as well as their terms and conditions are under consideration by the Government of India.

STD link with sub-Divisional Head Quarters in the Country

1720. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that all sub-divisional Head-Quarters in the country will be linked with STD network during Eighth Five Year Plan period:

(b) the total number of sub-divisional Head-Quarters likely to be linked with STD during the current financial year;

(c) the total number of telephones working in the country at present;

(d) whether Government have drawn up schemes to double the phone connections; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof? "

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNITCATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) It has been planned to connect all Sub-Divisional Head Quarters with the STD network by 1995.

(b) About 126 sub-divisional headquarters have been proposed to be brought on subscribers trunk dialling network during 1990-91.

(c) 46.12 lakh direct exchange lines as on 30-4-1990.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir, the draft 8th Plan envisages net addition of 52 lakh new connections.

U.S. aid to churches in India

1721. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the reports which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated 26-5-1990 regarding fraud in US aid granted to Churches to India for the benefit of poor;

(b) whether Government have conducted any enquiry into the matter if so, what is the amount of money involved and number of Church officials identified in this fraud; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to avoid such frauds in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. An American accounting firm Price Waterhouse conducted the audit for USAID. The report was received in the Ministry of External Affairs. It brings out misappropriation of small quantities of food stuffs over a period of time. The Central Bureau of Investigation has been asked to look into the irregularities brought out in the report. Since the audit was commissioned by USAID, it is essentially for them to take follow up action.

Bridge over Mandovi River in Goa

1722. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have stayed the work of approach road to the new Mandovi bridge in Goa;

(b) if so, what made Government to stall this work at this advance stage in the name of threat to environment;

(c) whether Government would ensure at the initial stage of sanctions of the bridges that proper NOC are obtained from various Ministries; and

(d) the number of such projects delayed in the name of ecology and environment throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Proper prescribed procedure is followed to obtain NOC from the concerned Ministries.

(d) No major bridge work on National Higway has been delayed.